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SUBJECT: YOUTH TREATMENT CENTER

REF: BANGKOK 045880 AND OTHERS

1. WE HAVE COMPLETED A SURVEY OF ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES AND HAVE ACQUIRED THE FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS TOWARDS FY 1976 FUNDING OF BANGKOK YOUTH TREATMENT CENTER (YTC):
DOD - \$85,000, STATE - \$11,400, OTHER USG - \$17,600,
TOTAL: \$114,000. THIS REPRESENTS PROPORTIONAL FUNDING BASED ON POPULATION AND CONSTRUCTED ON A DOD CONTRIBUTION OF \$85,000. (THIS APPARENTLY REPRESENTS A DOD DECISION NOT TO INCREASE FUNDING OVER FY 1975.) OTHER AGENCIES, HOWEVER, ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT PROPORTIONAL FUNDING PRINCIPLE MUST BE MAINTAINED. STATE ALSO HOLDS POSITION THAT NON-USG POPULATION COST MUST BE DIVIDED PRO RATA AMONG USG AGENCIES IF YTC IS TO OPERATE PROPERLY.

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2. REALIZE THIS REPRESENTS SUBSTANTIAL CUT IN ESTIMATES
UNLESS SHORT-FALL CAN BE MADE UP BY LOCAL US COMMUNITY.
WE ARE RELUCTANTLY PREPARED TO GIVE A GO-AHEAD FOR THE
YTC BUT ONLY IF BANGKOK CONVINCED A REDUCED PROGRAM WILL
BE EFFECTIVE. FURTHERMORE, BUDGETING MUST INCLUDE PRO-
VISION FOR CLOSING-OUT YTC AT END OF FY 1976 AS CONTIN-
GENCY IN CASE SUBSTANTIAL REDUCTION IN US MILITARY
PRESENCE IN THAILAND IS FORCED THROUGH. WE DO NOT WANT
TO GET INVOLVED IN FUNDING A PROGRAM THAT WOULD NOT BE
EFFECTIVE IN TREATING BANGKOK'S DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM
NOR IN LAST-MINUTE, EMBARRASSING SEARCH FOR FUNDS TO
MEET OUR OBLIGATIONS IF CLOSE-OUT BECOMES NECESSARY.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS BEFORE FINAL DECISION IS MADE. INGERSOLL

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